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SUBJECT: STATE 6 MAY PRESS BRIEFING

FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT REGULAR  
PRESS BRIEFING FOR 6 MAY ARE TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR  
INFORMATION.

Q. AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS GOING TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA AND  
YOUR GENERAL COMMENT ON THE WHOLE BUSINESS OF WHAT HE'S  
GOING TO DO WHEN HE'S THERE, IF

A. YES. AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS RECEIVED INVITATIONS FROM  
WITWATERSRAND UNIVERSITY AND FROM SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS-  
MENT TO VISIT AND ADDRESS SEVERAL GROUPS IN JOHANNESBURG  
ON MAY 20TH.

AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS RESPONDED THAT HE'S WILLING TO  
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ACCEPT THE INVITATIONS IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. IT'S  
MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW UNDER WAY.  
THIS IS A PRIVATE VISIT.

Q. IN OTHER WORDS, HE IS STILL PLANNING TO GO TO SOUTH  
AFRICA.

A. HE'S SAID HE'S ACCEPTED THE INVITATIONS AND IF  
ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE HE WOULD HOPE TO GO, YES.

Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN "IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE?"

Q. THIS COMES AFTER BOTHA'S CRITICISM OF YOUNG?

A. YES

Q. HE'S STILL PLANNING ON GOING

A. THAT'S RIGHT

Q. --IN SPITE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S PROTEST?

A. WE'RE STILL GOING AHEAD WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS.

Q. I DON'T UNDERSTAND. YOU KEEP QUALIFYING "IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE." WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS? YOU CAN GET ACCOMMODATIONS ON A PLANE.

A. WELL, OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE A LOT OF ARRANGEMENTS AND PLANS THAT HAVE TO BE MADE FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO GO TO SOUTH AFRICA; AND THESE TAKE TIME -- THE QUESTION OF TRAVEL, ET CETERA.

Q. WHAT DOES THE "ET CETERA" MEAN? I MEAN IS IT A QUESTION OF WHETHER HE'LL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THESE GROUPS, OR WHAT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS BESIDES TRAVEL ARE UNCLASSIFIED  
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POTENTIALLY HOLDING THIS TRIP UP?

A. I DON'T HAVE A LIST OF ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS THAT REMAIN TO BE COMPLETED; BUT, QUITE OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE A LOT OF BASES TO BE TOUCHED AND PEOPLE TO BE CONTACTED. I CAN'T RUN DOWN FOR YOU WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE; BUT IT'S IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DONE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, AND NOT YET COMPLETED.

Q. DOES HE PLAN TO MEET ANY GROUPS OTHER THAN THE BUSINESS-MEN AND THE STUDENT-BODY OF WITWATERSRAND UNIVERSITY?

A. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT ARE BEING MADE BY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVITING HIM AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS NO ARRANGEMENTS INDEPENDENT OF THIS. AS I SAID, IT'S A PRIVATE VISIT; AND HE'S NOT SEEKING ANY APPOINTMENTS. OBVIOUSLY, IF HE'S OFFERED AN APPOINTMENT OR AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED, HE WOULD CONSIDER IT.

Q. THIS IS FROM THE PRETORIA DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RADIO, THE SOURCE OF ALL THESE. I GATHER IT'S SORT OF OFFICIAL. IT SAYS: "THE SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER,

MR. PIK BOTHA, HAS INFORMED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT TO RECEIVE MR. ANDREW YOUNG, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, LATER THIS MONTH," REPORTS SAPA, THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

A. WELL, I'VE SEEN THAT; BUT I THINK IT WAS EARLIER THIS MORNING.

Q. YES. WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS YOU'VE HAD COMMUNICATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT SINCE THEN?

A. I DON'T KNOW WHAT COMMUNICATIONS WE'VE HAD WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

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Q. BECAUSE LATER ON IN THAT SAME STORY IT SAYS: "YESTERDAY A SPOKESMAN OF THE U.S. INTIMATED TO OUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT IN THE EVENT OF PRESS INQUIRIES IN REGARD TO YOUNG'S VISIT THEY PROPOSE TO REACT AS FOLLOWS" --QUOTE--"AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS ACCEPTED TWO INVITATIONS TO SPEAK TO A SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS GROUP AND TO STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WITWATERSRAND IN JOHANNESBURG." IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT YOU TOLD US IS WHAT YOU TOLD THE EMBASSY YESTERDAY YOU WOULD SAY BUT YOU'RE ALSO TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WHAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS SAY THEY TOLD OUR EMBASSY.

A. YES. WHAT I'VE JUST SAID OBTAINS AS OF FIVE MINUTES AGO.

Q. DO YOU HAVE A CLEAR IDEA FROM THE SOUTH AFRICANS WHAT THEY MEAN BY "HE WILL NOT BE RECEIVED?" DOES THAT MEAN HE WILL NOT BE RECEIVED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DOWN THERE OR WHAT?

A. I'VE JUST SAID IT'S A PRIVATE VISIT; AND HE'S BEEN INVITED BY THE BUSINESSMEN AND THE UNIVERSITY, SO I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT ENTERS INTO IT, FRANKLY.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY INDICATION HE WILL NOT BE GIVEN A VISA OR ALLOWED TO --

A. I DON'T HAVE ANY SUCH INDICATION.

Q. WELL, WOULD HE NEED A VISA? WHAT SORT OF A PASSPORT WOULD HE BE TRAVELING ON? WOULD HE BE TRAVELING AS A U.S.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL ON A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT?

A. WELL, HE HAS A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT WHICH HE WOULD BE USING, AND IT WOULD BE A DIPLOMATIC VISA; BUT THAT'S

NORMAL FOR DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL TO TRAVEL ON A DIPLOMATIC  
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PASSPORT.

Q. HE WOULDN'T REQUIRE A VISA, THOUGH, FOR THE DIPLOMATIC  
PASSPORT.

A. I UNDERSTAND IT WOULD REQUIRE A VISA.

Q. AND HAS HE APPLIED FOR THAT YET?

A. I DON'T KNOW. I PRESUME HE HAS.

Q. THE DISPATCH ALSO SAYS THAT MR. YOUNG "HAS NOT USED  
THE NORMAL CHANNELS IN APPROACHING THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
GOVERNMENT AND THAT THIS REACTION HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO  
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT." WHAT DO THEY MEAN BY "NORMAL  
CHANNELS" AND IS HE STILL GOING IN SPITE OF ALL THIS?

A. WELL, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING  
MADE BY THE PEOPLE WHO INVITED HIM. I FRANKLY DON'T  
KNOW WHAT ARRANGEMENTS AMBASSADOR YOUNG PERSONALLY HAS  
UNDERTAKEN, BUT THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE BY THE  
BUSINESSMEN AND THE UNIVERSITY.

Q. BUT HE'S STILL GOING, I MEAN, DESPITE THIS STATEMENT  
BY MR. BOTHA, OR --

A. WHAT I SAID IS VALID AS OF FIVE MINUTES AGO.

Q. AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NOT MADE ANY  
INQUIRY AS A RESULT OF WHAT SEEMS TO BE A SEMI-OFFICIAL  
ANNOUNCEMENT?

A. OH, I THINK WE'VE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, YES. WHAT WE HAVE SAID I REALLY DON'T  
KNOW.

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Q. IF A GOVERNMENT MAKES CLEAR THAT IT DOESN'T WANT AN  
AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT -- FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE  
-- WHY DOES THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE INSIST ON PURSU-  
ING HIS PLAN, WHICH, AFTER ALL, IS PRIVATE, NOT OFFICIAL?

A. HE'S BEEN INVITED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND HE'S BEEN IN-  
VITED BY THE BUSINESSMEN.

Q. WHY WOULD HE CHOOSE, EVEN THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T WANT HIM TO VISIT, TO GO? IS HE SEEKING A CONFRONTATION WITH THEM?

A. NO. I'M SURE HE IS NOT SEEKING A CONFRONTATION. I CAN'T SPEAK TO HIS REASONING OR THE REASONS BEHIND HIS DECISION TO ACCEPT THESE TWO INVITATIONS.

Q. HAVE YOU ASKED HIM?

A. NO, I HAVEN'T ASKED HIM BUT I FEEL SURE IT'S NOT IN A CONFRONTATIONAL FRAME OF MIND.

Q. BUT IS HE NOT PLANNING TO ADDRESS THIS GROUP AT THE SAME TIME THAT MONDALE IS MEETING WITH VORSTER IN VIENNA?

A. I'D HAVE TO CHECK THE VICE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE TO SEE PRECISELY WHAT DAY THAT TALK FALLS ON. I DON'T HAVE THE SCHEDULE WITH ME.

Q. AS I RECALL, IT IS THE SAME DAY.

A. THAT'S IN THE SAME GENERAL TIMEFRAME -- 19TH TO THE 20TH.

Q. I WONDER WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE COORDINATES ITS AFRICAN POLICY TO THE EXTENT THAT IT'S AWARE WHEN  
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ITS AMBASSADOR TO THE UN IS GOING TO SOUTH AFRICA AND WHEN ITS VICE PRESIDENT IS MEETING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER.

A. I THINK I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE DO.

Q. IS IT A GOOD IDEA FOR YOUNG TO MAKE THIS TRIP AT THIS TIME, IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S MIND?

A. I DON'T THINK WE'RE REALLY OFFERING A JUDGMENT ON THAT. THE AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED THE INVITATIONS; HE'S CHOSEN TO ACCEPT THEM. APPARENTLY THE PEOPLE WISH HIM TO COME TO GIVE THESE SPEECHES AND HE'S GOING TO GO AHEAD WITH IT.

Q. YOUR QUESTION AND ANSWER A MINUTE AGO THOUGH HAD A FURTHER IMPLICATION. LARS ASKED YOU IF STATE DEPARTMENT COORDINATED ITS POLICY OF ONE MAN GOING TO SOUTH AFRICA AND ANOTHER ONE GOING TO VIENNA, AND YOUR ANSWER IMPLIED

THAT SOMEHOW THERE WAS A STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY INVOLVED IN YOUNG'S GOING TO SOUTH AFRICA. IS HE GOING AS A PART OF STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY OR HAS HE ESCAPED ANY CONTROLS THAT YOU PEOPLE MIGHT EVER HAVE ON A DIPLOMAT OF THE UNITED STATES AND HE'S GOING OFF COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT OF WHATEVER YOUR POLICY MIGHT BE? WHAT IS THE STATUS ON THIS?

A. I WOULD SIMPLY AFFIRM THAT WE DO KNOW WHO IS GOING WHERE AT WHAT TIME AND THERE IS COORDINATION IN THE SENSE THAT WE'RE NOT TRYING TO ARRANGE ANY CONFLICTS IN THE SCHEDULING OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. WE ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF TRAVEL PLANS OF OUR PRINCIPALS.

Q. DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION AS PART OF FORMULATING AFRICAN POLICY WHETHER OR NOT  
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MR. YOUNG SHOULD GO OFF TO SOUTH AFRICA AND MAKE A SPEECH OR IS THIS SOMETHING HE DOES WITHOUT ANY CONSIDERATION ON THE AFRICAN-POLICYMAKING LEVEL?

A. WELL, I ASSURE YOU THAT WE'RE VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRAVEL PLANS.

Q. THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION I'M ASKING.  
YOU'RE AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS.

A. YES

Q. BUT THE QUESTION IS WHETHER HIS TRAVEL PLANS WERE MADE AS PART OF POLICY FORMULATION OR WERE JUST SORT OF THRUST UPON THE POLICYMAKERS AS A FAIT ACCOMPLI AND YOU THEN BECAME AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS, AS YOU SAY.

A. NO FAIT ACCOMPLI.

Q. YOU'RE STILL NOT DEALING WITH THE QUESTION THOUGH.

A. YES. I'M REALLY NOT INFORMED AS TO HOW ALL THIS DEVELOPED TIMEWISE IN TERMS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION TRAVELING NOW DOING DIFFERENT THINGS.

Q. WELL, IT'S A SERIOUS QUESTION -- WHETHER THE AFRICAN POLICY INCLUDED THIS AS A CONSIDERATION OR WHETHER IT WAS JUST SORT OF STUCK IN ON TOP WITH ANY COMPLICATIONS IT MIGHT CREATE.

COULD YOU LOOK INTO THAT -- WHETHER HIS TRIP WAS CONSIDERED AS PART OF AFRICAN POLICY OR WHETHER IT WAS JUST

SORT OF GRAFTED ON TO AFRICAN POLICY WITH POSSIBLE  
IMPLICATIONS FOR AFRICAN POLICY?

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A. I DON'T THINK I'LL GET A CLEAR READING ON TO THE  
GRAFTABILITY OF SUCH A TRIP, FRANKLY.

Q. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO, BECAUSE WHAT  
YOU ARE GOING TO BE FACED WITH IS, AT THE END OF THE  
THIRD WEEK IN MAY, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE AN AMERICAN VICE  
PRESIDENT DEALING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, AND A CABINET-  
LEVEL AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS HOLDING A PRIVATE,  
UNOFFICIAL VISIT POSSIBLY WITH BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN  
LEADERS.

NOW IS THIS DELIBERATE STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY? IS IT  
COINCIDENCE THAT WAS THRUST UPON YOU? I THINK YOU CAN  
PROBABLY GET A CLEAR ANSWER TO THAT.

ARE YOU PURSUING A TWO-LEVEL POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA?

A. NO, I DON'T THINK I AM GOING TO GET A CLEAR ANSWER  
ON THAT ONE.

Q. COULD YOU TRY?

A. I WILL TRY.

Q. COULD YOU TRY SIMPLY WHETHER THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
APPROVES OF MR. YOUNG'S TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA?

A. THE ANSWER TO THAT IS YES, UNEQUIVOCALLY.

Q. IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF WHETHER IT APPROVES OF  
SOMETHING THAT IT SUDDENLY FOUND ITSELF STUCK WITH,  
AND COULD HARDLY DISAPPROVE OF. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER  
IT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE ORIGINAL POLICY FORMULATION  
BEFORE THE DECISION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATIONS.

IN OTHER WORDS, DID YOUNG ASK FOR STATE DEPARTMENT  
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GUIDANCE OR CONSIDERATION BEFORE HE ACCEPTED THE  
INVITATION?

A. I AM NOT GOING TO GET A CLEAR READ-OUT ON HOW THE  
WHOLE IDEA OF THE AMBASSADOR YOUNG TRIP TO AFRICA IN

GENERAL AROSE AND HOW THIS FITS INTO IT. AND I DON'T THINK WE GENERALLY PROVIDE THAT IN SIMILAR CASES.

Q. IN THAT CASE, YOU ARE GOING TO BE LEAVING A NUMBER OF VERY CURIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT WHO MAKES -- HOW AFRICAN POLICY IS MADE HERE, AND WHETHER YOUNG GOES OFF ON HIS OWN, AT THE RISK OF DISRUPTING AFRICAN POLICY THAT IS BEING MADE SOMEWHERE ELSE.

A. WELL, I THINK A LOT OF CONSIDERATIONS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, AND I FEEL SURE THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF DISRUPTION WAS ONE OF THEM. AND I FEEL SURE THIS IS A WELL-CONSIDERED AND CAREFULLY PLANNED TRIP.

Q. IN OTHER WORDS, THEN, HE ACCEPTED THE INVITATIONS ONLY AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE POLICY IMPLICATIONS, THAT IS WHAT YOU NOW SEEM TO BE SAYING.

A. I HAVE NO IDEA AS TO THE TIMING OF THE ACCEPTANCES OR THE EXTENSIONS OF THE --

Q. THAT IS JUST WHAT YOU SEEM TO BE SAYING IN THAT LAST SENTENCE, WHICH CONTRADICTS YOUR EARLIER --

A. NO, I DON'T THINK IT DOES CONTRADICT.

Q. WHILE IN GUATEMALA THIS WEEK, THE CUBANS INVITED MR. YOUNG TO GO THERE. AND HE SAID THAT HE WOULDN'T GO RIGHT NOW BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO CREATE ANY MORE CONTROVERSY. WHY IS HIS GOING TO SOUTH AFRICA LESS CONTROVERSIAL THAN HIS GOING TO CUBA, WITH WHOM WE ARE UNCLASSIFIED  
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NOW IN SORT OF A BUDDING HONEYMOON?

A. LOOK, I AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO A QUANTITATIVE JUDGMENT ON WHAT IS MORE CONTROVERSIAL -- WHAT THING IS MORE CONTROVERSIAL THAN ANOTHER.

Q. I AM STUCK WITH WHAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE A CONTRADICTION IN YOUR POSITION. ONE IS, I THINK YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU HAD NOT ASKED YOUNG WHAT CONSIDERATIONS HE PUT INTO--

A. NO. I DIDN'T ASK HIM WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT WHEN HE WAS DECIDING "SHALL I ACCEPT THE INVITATION OR NOT." I HAVEN'T ASKED HIM THAT.

Q. BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU SAY THAT A LOT OF CONSIDERATIONS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

A. I AM EXPRESSING MY CONFIDENCE IN THE FACT THAT A LOT OF CONSIDERATIONS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE

WHOLE QUESTION OF HIS GOING, WITHOUT HAVING ASKED HIM.

Q. ONE MORE POINT ON THAT, THEN. IS IT THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION THAT AN AMBASSADOR CAN MAKE A PRIVATE VISIT ANYWHERE HE WISHES?

A. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE A STATED FORMAL POLICY ON THAT, BUT I DO KNOW AMBASSADORS DO MAKE SUCH TRIPS FREQUENTLY AND GIVE SPEECHES AND ATTEND CONFERENCES AND GO TO UNIVERSITIES FREQUENTLY.

Q. WILL HIS SPEECHES AND PERSONAL MEETINGS WITH PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA FIRST BE CLEARED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT?

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A. I WILL LOOK INTO THAT.

Q. IS THERE A COMMENT ON A COLUMN AS TO THE ROLE OF MR. BRADY TYSON IN WRITING SPEECHES FOR MR. YOUNG, AND ABOUT MR. TYSON'S POLITICAL HISTORY AND ASSOCIATION WITH A GROUP CALLED NACLA?

A. YOU ARE ASKING SEVERAL QUESTIONS THERE.

Q. YES. WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THE EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN? AND MR. TYSON'S --

A. I AM NOT GOING TO MAKE A DETAILED COMMENT ON THE EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN. I WILL ADDRESS ONLY ONE ASPECT WHICH CONCERNED THE DEPARTMENT, AND THAT IS THE QUESTION OF THE SPEECH IN GUATEMALA, WHICH WAS FULLY CLEARED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO DELIVERY, AND REFLECTED U.S. POLICY. AND THAT IS REALLY ALL I AM GOING TO SAY ABOUT THE EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN.

Q. ON THIS QUESTION OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG, JUST AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT, IS AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP BEING PAID BY HIMSELF, OR WHO IS PAYING FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE TRIP? IS HE GETTING AN HONORARIUM FROM ANY OF THESE GROUPS HE IS ADDRESSING? AND, THREE, WILL HE BE RECEIVING THE PROTECTION THAT AN AMBASSADOR GETS IN A COUNTRY WHERE TENSION IS HIGH, AS IT IS IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND HE IS, OF COURSE, A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE?

A. ON THE FIRST ONE, ON BACKGROUND, SINCE IT HAS NOT BEEN

OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, BUT I THINK IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE GOING TO AFRICA ON A TRIP VERY SOON, I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY DETAILS ON THAT, BECAUSE IT HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED, BUT I THINK IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE. SO HE WILL ALREADY BE IN AFRICA AT THAT TIME.

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NOW, AS TO HOW HE IS TRAVELING, HOW HE WOULD TRAVEL INTO JOHANNESBURG, OR A QUESTION OF ANY ESCORT HE MIGHT HAVE THERE, I DON'T KNOW, EXCEPT WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER POINT, THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY THE HOSTS. AND I AM NOT SURE WHETHER THE INFORMATION YOU ARE ASKING IS EVEN IN THIS BUILDING WITH REGARD TO WHAT DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE IN JOHANNESBURG FOR HIM.

Q. NOW, WAIT, WE HAVE A PRECEDENT OF A SECRETARY OF STATE GETTING OFF AN AIR FORCE PLANE AND CATCHING A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT WHEN HE IS ON PRIVATE BUSINESS. ARE YOU SUGGESTING MR. YOUNG IS GOING TO LEAVE HIS AIR FORCE PLANE IN LAGOS OR SOME PLACE AND TAKE A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT DOWN TO JO-BURG, BECAUSE THIS IS A PRIVATE TRIP? OR WERE YOU SUGGESTING THAT THE AIR FORCE PLANE IS GOING TO TRY TO TAKE HIM TO SOUTH AFRICA IF THEY CAN GET CLEARANCES?

A. I AM JUST NOT INFORMED ON THE DETAILS OF THE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. I CAN LOOK INTO IT.

Q. WHETHER AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO TAKE HIM THERE ON AN OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT PLANE?

A. LET'S WAIT FOR THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TRIP ITSELF -- AND I AM STILL ON BACKGROUND ON THIS, BECAUSE IT HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED.

Q. IT IS IN ALL THE NEWSPAPERS, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

A. WELL, THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TRIP HAS NOT BEEN MADE, SO I PREFER TO KEEP THIS ON A BACKGROUND BASIS.

Q. APART FROM THE OFFICIAL PART OF THE TRIP, WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR HIS PRIVATE TRIP, THIS TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA.

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A. I JUST DON'T HAVE THE DETAILS ON THAT.

Q. IF THE MAN MAKES A PRIVATE TRIP, THERE IS NO POLICY TO GUIDE WHETHER IT IS EITHER PAID FOR BY THE GOVERNMENT OR

PAID FOR PERSONALLY?

A. I JUST DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION ON THE LEG OF THE TRIP WHICH INVOLVES -- WHICH WOULD INVOLVE THE TRIP INTO JOHANNESBURG.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHICH IS THE NEAREST COUNTRY FROM WHICH HE WOULD GO TO SOUTH AFRICA DURING THE TRIP?

A. STILL ON BACKGROUND, HE WOULD BE IN MAPUTO AT THAT TIME.

Q. WHEN WOULD HE BE IN MAPUTO?

A. JUST PRIOR TO THAT TIME. BUT I AM GOING TO HAVE TO DEFER ANY KIND OF DETAILS ON HIS TRIP IN GENERAL UNTIL IT IS MADE OFFICIALLY PUBLIC.

Q. WOULDN'T IT BE A SERIOUS MATTER FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO DENY ENTRY TO AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WHO ALSO HAPPENS TO BE OF CABINET LEVEL? WOULDN'T THAT BE A VERY SERIOUS KIND OF ACTION TO TAKE? I RECALL THE FACT THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS EVEN ADMITTED SENATOR KENNEDY, WHO ALSO SPOKE AT WITWATERSRAND AT A TIME WHEN THEY WERE EXCLUDING A GREAT MANY AMERICANS FROM THAT COUNTRY, BUT THEY DIDN'T DENY A UNITED STATES SENATOR A VISA.

A. I WOULDN'T WANT TO CHARACTERIZE SOMETHING THAT MIGHT NOT OCCUR.

Q. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT  
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MEANT SIMPLY THAT NO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WOULD RECEIVE AMBASSADOR YOUNG, RATHER THAN THAT THEY WOULD BAR HIM FROM THE COUNTRY.

A. I COULDN'T SPECULATE ON WHAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S REMARKS MAY HAVE IMPLIED.

Q. BUT YOU GOT THAT MESSAGE, PRESUMABLY. BOTHA SAYS THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WAS SO ADVISED. SURELY WE CAN INTERPRET THAT RESPONSE, CAN'T WE?

A. I AM AFRAID I CANNOT INTERPRET IT.

Q. DID THE SOUTH AFRICANS, WHEN THEY TALKED TO YOU ABOUT THIS YESTERDAY, IN ANY WAY LINK THE MONDALE MEETING WITH VORSTER AND THE DESIRE OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO GO TO SOUTH AFRICA?

A. I WILL TRY TO LOOK INTO IT.

Q. CAN YOU CLARIFY ANYTHING THAT CAME OUT OF THE OWEN-VANCE TALKS ON RHODESIA?

A. I CAN'T. ALL I HAVE GOT SO FAR ARE FRAGMENTARY WIRE SERVICE REPORTS. I HAVE NO ELUCIDATION ON THAT AT ALL.  
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